



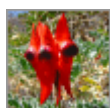
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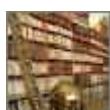
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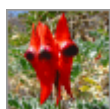
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## South Australian Statistical News and Releases



### **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATISTICAL NEWS AND RELEASES**

#### **SA Stats (cat. no. 1345.4)**

SA Stats provides an overview of the South Australian economy covering topics of demography, state accounts, prices, labour force and international merchandise trade. It is updated on a quarterly basis (Mar, Jun, Sep and Dec) and in the intervening months the publication includes feature articles that provide a South Australian focus on economic, social and environmental issues.

#### **SA Stats, Apr 2008 (cat no. 1345.4)**

##### **Feature Articles:**

- South Australia's Migrant Population**

## **- South Australia's Ageing Population and the Labour Force**

April's feature articles focus on migrants and the impact of South Australia's ageing population on the labour force. The first article presents information on migrants living in South Australia using data from the Census of Population and Housing and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

The second article provides an overview of South Australia's ageing population and its effect on the labour force using data from various sources.

### **SA Stats, May 2008** (cat no. 1345.4)

May's feature article focuses on Literacy of South Australians in 2006. Literacy data can assist with identification of 'at risk' groups, evaluation of current literacy programs, and provision of information for the planning of future literacy policies and teaching strategies. The article '[Literacy of South Australians](#)' provides an overview of the literacy levels of South Australians in 2006 using data from the Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey (ALLS) (cat. no. 4228.0). This survey collected information on the knowledge and skills of Australians across four literacy domains: prose literacy; document literacy; numeracy; and problem solving.

### **Adelaide ... A Social Atlas, 2006** (cat no. 2030.4)

Presents colour maps, based on data collected in the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, that highlight key social, demographic and housing characteristics of the population in Adelaide and two selected regional centres in South Australia, i.e. Mt. Gambier and Whyalla. The maps highlight the diversity that exists across these cities and regional centres and are easy to interpret as the distribution of the data are represented by different colours and shading. Brief commentary explaining the main features and characteristics also accompany each map.

### **South Australia at a Glance, 2008** (cat no. 1306.4)

This publication is released annually and contains condensed information on South Australia as a proportion of Australia, and summary information on population, vital statistics, health, education, labour, prices, agriculture, mining, construction, manufacturing, retail trade, foreign trade, tourist accommodation, transport, private finance and state accounts.

### **Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, South Australia, 2006** (cat no. 4713.4.55.001)

Presents around 40 tables of information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians for South Australia based on the 2006 Census. These electronic tables complement the information presented in the national publication Population Characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians (cat. no. 4713.0). Topics covered in the national report and sets of tables for Australia and each State/Territory include: the demographic and geographic distribution of the population and its growth in recent years; mobility; household composition; language and religion; education; work; income; housing and transport; and need for assistance.

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## **Services we Provide**



### **SERVICES WE PROVIDE**

## **Statistical & Information Consultancies**

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## **Statistical & Information Consultancies**

Do you need to design a survey or questionnaire, and don't know where to start? Have you got data requiring complex statistical analysis? Our consultants have the expertise to help you clarify your objectives and plan your project effectively.

The ABS Statistical Consultancy service can be used to provide complete statistical solutions and expertise to enable informed decision making, including expert advice and customised data reports. It is available when expert statistical advice on a project is required, but the appropriate skills are not readily available within an organisation. It can also be valuable for organisations with significant levels of mathematical and statistical experience who want to discuss technical issues with an independent body. Areas of particular expertise include:

- survey and sample design - our expert team can help you meet your information requirements through survey design;
- data analysis and modelling - we can apply complex statistical techniques to either your data or ABS data;
- reviews and tender evaluations - we can review existing or proposed surveys, audits, analyses or other statistical processes;
- data management - we can assist with the organisation of your data holdings into a statistical framework; and
- statistical training - an expansive suite of training programmes is available to develop your statistical skills or alternatively, a course can be tailored to your specific needs.

The ABS Information Consultancy service can provide a wide range of ABS data tailored to meet your individual needs. Our consultants can provide reports containing tables, commentary and maps highlighting the characteristics of your target market, or customised demographic data for planning service delivery. They can also assist with the provision of data for the most recent period available or on a time series basis.

For further information on these services, contact Stephen Becker on (08) 8237 7318 or email [sa.statistics@abs.gov.au](mailto:sa.statistics@abs.gov.au).

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## **Statistical Training**

To assist in developing statistical expertise, the ABS can provide training courses to your staff. Our training programs are conducted by ABS staff with expertise in designing questionnaires, analysing data and managing the survey process. Courses can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your organisation, for example using South Australia-specific information.

The ABS also provides regular seminars and information sessions which may focus on statistical developments, publications, trends or issues. Details of training courses and registration forms are on the ABS website (Select 'services we provide' and then 'ABS training'). If you or your colleagues are interested in any courses that have not been scheduled in Adelaide, please contact the Statistical Consultancy Unit on 8237 7555.

## Local Government

Local Government users of the ABS website can now access information designed to help find data and other resources of interest to Local Government.

Called 'Services We Provide to Local Government', these new information pages include:

- How to find data for Local Government Areas
- How to keep informed about ABS releases and developments; and
- Information about resources and services available to help use data.

The pages include ABS releases that contain data at Local Government Area level, and information about ABS training available to Local Government clients. 'Services We Provide to Local Government' is the latest in a series of services pages aimed at assisting ABS clients. Other 'Services We Provide' pages on the ABS website include: State/Territory Government, Small Business, and Universities.

Comments or suggestions about 'Services We Provide to Local Government' can be directed to Andrea Woods (08) 8237 7350.

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## Feature ABS Releases



### FEATURE ABS RELEASES

**Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC)**  
**Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC)**  
**Measures of Australia's Progress: Summary Indicators**  
**Social Atlas Series**  
**Information Paper: An Introduction to Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA)**  
**The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

**Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), Second Edition** (cat. no. 1269.0)

Comprises an explanation of the conceptual basis of the classification, the structure of the classification, alphabetical and numerical order coding indexes for population and economic statistics, concordances between the SACC, 2nd Edition and the SACC 1st Edition, a link between International Statistics Organisation codes and the classification codes, and a link between the classification and the United Nations Standard Country or Area Codes. The classification is intended for use whenever population or economic statistics are classified by country.

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**Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC), 2008** (cat. no. 1297.0)

This is a compendium of three classifications developed specifically for the compilation of standardised research and development statistics. It comprises classifications for type of activity, field of research and socio-economic objective.

The 2008 Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC) was developed to meet the dual needs for a comprehensive description of today's research environment, as well as the ability to compare R&D statistics internationally. Growing policy interest in areas of energy production, climate change and environmental protection, as well as new fields of R&D, led to a need to update the previous classification, the Australian Standard Research Classification (ASRC). The areas of energy and environment and technology and environmental science have been significantly updated in the classification to reflect growing research interest and R&D output.

Classifications are a tool used by the ABS, as well as others in government, academia and the private sector, to ensure that data on particular topics are consistently described. This improves both data reporting and resource allocation.

ANZSRC 2008 was developed in collaboration with Statistics New Zealand after extensive consultation with the review's Technical Reference Group and other users of the previous classification. ANZSRC 2008 also meets OECD guidelines and is aligned to the OECD's Frascati Manual, which sets standard practice for surveys of R&D, and the 2006 Fields of Science and Technology classification. The ABS will immediately start using ANZSRC in its surveys of research and experimental development and the first data collected using the new classification will be published in mid-2009.

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### **Measures of Australia's Progress: Summary Indicators, 2008** (Edition 1) (cat. no. 1383.0.55.001)

Measures of Australia's Progress: Summary Indicators 2008 provides a national summary of the most important areas of progress (including: Individuals; the economy and economic resources; the environment; and Living together) and presents them in a way which can be quickly understood. The purpose of Measures of Australia's Progress (MAP) is to inform and stimulate public debate and encourage all Australians to assess the bigger picture when contemplating progress.

Measures of Australia's Progress (MAP): Summary Indicators, is part of the suite of Measures of Australia's Progress products produced by the ABS. This suite includes [Measures of Australia's Progress](#) (cat. no. 1370.0), which presents a detailed set of indicators, currently released every five years, and [Measures of Australia's Progress: At a Glance](#) (cat. no. 1383.0.55.002), a small summary booklet released annually.

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### **Social Atlas Series, 2006** (cat. no. 2030.0)

The Social Atlas series consists of a separate publication for each state and territory that presents colour maps that highlight key characteristics of the population in each capital city and selected regional areas. The maps depict social, economic and housing characteristics based on data collected in the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. This information shows the diversity that exists across Australia's cities and regional centres. The maps are easy to interpret as the distribution of the data are represented by different colours and shading. Brief commentary explaining the main features and characteristics also accompany each map.

To provide some consistency between atlases, each publication includes a common set of maps for the capital city areas covering topics such as population, cultural diversity, education, labour force, income, families, households and dwellings. Also, each Social Atlas includes additional maps that highlight any unique attributes pertaining to the particular

capital city. A smaller selection of maps are included for the selected regional centres and these vary from Atlas to Atlas.

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### **Information Paper: An Introduction to Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), 2006 (cat. no. 2039.0)**

This Information Paper describes the indexes for summarising the socio-economic profile of population by areas and illustrates their possible uses. SEIFA is a suite of four summary measures that have been created from 2006 Census information. The indexes can be used to explore different aspects of socio-economic conditions by geographic areas. For each index, every geographic area in Australia is given a SEIFA number which shows how disadvantaged that area is compared with other areas in Australia.

Each index summarises a different aspect of the socio-economic conditions of people living in an area. The indexes provide more general measures of socio-economic status than is given by measuring income or unemployment alone, for example.

The four indexes in SEIFA 2006 are:

- Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage: is derived from Census variables related to disadvantage, such as low income, low educational attainment, unemployment, and dwellings without motor vehicles.
- Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage: a continuum of advantage (high values) to disadvantage (low values) which is derived from Census variables related to both advantage and disadvantage, like household with low income and people with a tertiary education.
- Index of Economic Resources: focuses on Census variables like the income, housing expenditure and assets of households.
- Index of Education and Occupation: includes Census variables relating to the educational and occupational characteristics of communities, like the proportion of people with a higher qualification or those employed in a skilled occupation.

The concept of relative socio-economic disadvantage is neither simple, nor well defined. SEIFA uses a broad definition of relative socio-economic disadvantage in terms of people's access to material and social resources, and their ability to participate in society. While SEIFA represents an average of all people living in an area, SEIFA does not represent the individual situation of each person. Larger areas are more likely to have greater diversity of people and households.

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### **The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, 2008 (cat. no. 4704.0)**

This publication is a joint venture between the ABS and Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and provides a comprehensive statistical overview of the health and welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In addition to a wide range of administrative data sources, this issue features results from the 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey, 2006 Census of Population and Housing and 2006 Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey. Among the topics included are: demographic and population characteristics; housing circumstances; maternal and child health; health risk factors; health status; disability; mortality; and access to, and use of, services. Wherever possible, data are provided on

changes in the circumstances of Indigenous people over time, as well as on the differences between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. While most information is presented at the national level, some data are also presented for states and territories, and by remoteness.

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## Summary of Selected ABS Releases



### SUMMARY OF SELECTED ABS RELEASES

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#### **Australian National Accounts: Tourism Satellite Account 2006-07** (cat. no. 5249.0)

Presents estimates of the direct contribution of the tourism industry to the Australian economy within the context of a satellite account linked to the Australian System of National Accounts, for the years 1997-98 to 2004-05. The publication also presents more detailed results from the Benchmark years of 1997-98 and 2000-01. The publication shows the contribution of tourism to major economic aggregates, such as GDP, as well as details by type of visitor, what products were purchased by tourists, and which industries supplied those products. In addition, data on employment in tourism industries and visitor numbers is presented. The Tourism Satellite Account provides users with a macro-economic framework to conduct analyses of tourism impacts on the economy.

#### **Labour Statistics in Brief, Australia 2008** (cat. no. 6104.0)

Presents a range of summary statistics with the emphasis on simple tabular and graphical presentations. Most of the ABS labour collections are covered, including the Labour Force Survey, the range of employer surveys and the industrial disputes collection. Australian data are compared with those of the major Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development member countries.

#### **Information Paper: Persons with Main Source of Income from Own Unincorporated Business, Experimental Estimates for Small Areas, Australia, 1996-97 to 2003-04** (cat. no. 6225.0)

This Information Paper presents regional experimental estimates of the number of persons whose main or principal source of income comes from their own unincorporated business(es). Estimates of the aggregated individual income (or 'take home pay') these persons receive from their own unincorporated business(es) and the total income they receive from all sources are also available from this series.

#### **Labour Force Characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, Estimates from the Labour Force Survey, 2007** (cat. no. 6287.0)

This publication provides estimates of the labour force characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians using data from the Labour Force Survey. The publication also draws attention to statistical and data quality issues that should be considered when using the estimates.

#### **Agricultural Commodities: Small Area Data, Australia, 2005-06** (cat. no. 7125.0)

A useful electronic product enabling clients to compare agricultural commodities across

small geographic areas within each state. It contains annual estimates for all commodities for Statistical Divisions (SD) and five-yearly Agricultural Census data for selected commodities for Statistical Local Areas (SLA). Commodities include livestock numbers and crop and horticulture production. Data for Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced (VACP) will be included in July 2008. Future issues may be updated with additional data, such as industry structure as it becomes available.

**Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, 2005-06** (cat. no. 7503.0)

The 2005-06 issue is the first release of final estimates of Value of Agricultural Production data from the 2005-06 Agricultural Census. Gross value of production data are provided for selected broadacre, fruit (including grapes) and vegetable crops, livestock slaughterings and other disposals, and livestock products.

**Digital Game Development Services, Australia, 2006-07** (First Issue) (cat. no. 8515.0)

Contains information about digital game development services in Australia. Data includes number of businesses, employment, income, expenses, operating profit before tax and industry value added. Also includes information on main activity of persons employed and game format.

**Cafes, Restaurants and Catering Services, Australia, 2006-07** (cat. no. 8655.0)

Contains information on the number of cafes, restaurants and caterers in Australia. Includes information on the type of business, employment, detailed income and expenses, with breakdowns by business size and state.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL RELEASES**

**Water Use on Australian Farms, 2005-2006** (cat. no. 4618.0)

Information on irrigation practices on Australian farms was first collected in the Water Survey - Agriculture 2002-03 and since then has been part of the annual Agricultural Survey or Census. Included in this issue are data on the type and area of crops irrigated, volume of water applied, and the sources of water used in agriculture. Data are available for each State, Statistical Division, Natural Resource Management regions and the Murray Darling Basin. Some previous estimates are included for 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05. Data Cubes will be released for this product at a later date.

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## **SOCIAL RELEASES**

**Making the Most of Your 2006 Census Community Profile Series, 2006** (First Issue) (cat. no. 2001.0.55.003)

The Making the Most of Your 2006 Census Community Profile Series is an easy reference guide for users of the Community Profile Series. The booklet provides a table index and geography information for the Profiles which make up the Community Profile Series. These Profiles are Basic Community Profile (BCP), Place of Enumeration Profile (PEP), Indigenous Profile (IP), Time Series Profile (TSP), Expanded Community Profile (XCP) and the Working Population Profile (WPP).

**Information Paper: Population Concepts, 2008** (First Issue) (cat. no. 3107.0.55.006)

This paper discusses and examines various concepts of population with particular emphasis on service population and legally resident population. Issues and limitations associated with definition or in the conceptual framework of the various population concepts are also included.

**Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2006-07** (cat. no. 3218.0)

Contains estimates of the resident populations of areas of Australia as at 30 June in each



year from 2001 to 2007. The areas for which estimates are provided are Local Government Areas (LGAs), Statistical Local Areas (SLAs), Statistical Divisions (SDs), Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs), Statistical Districts and states and territories of Australia, according to the 2007 edition of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC).

**Information Paper: ABS Causes of Death Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2006** (First Issue) (cat. no. 3317.0.55.002)

Causes of Death statistics, and the use of these statistics for demographic and health purposes, are key to understanding current and future pictures of Australian society and formulation and monitoring of policies. Causes of death information provide insights into the diseases and factors contributing to reduced life expectancy. Causes of death statistics are one of the oldest and most comprehensive set of health statistics available in Australia. This information paper gives an overview of the sources and methods used by the ABS to produce causes of death statistics.

**Migration, Australia, 2006-07** (cat. no. 3412.0)

This publication brings together statistics on international migration into and out of Australia, interstate migration within Australia and information on overseas-born residents of Australia. Australia's migration is described in the context of the Government's migration program and in comparison with international migration experienced by other countries.

**Arts and Culture in Australia: A Statistical Overview 2008 (First Edition)** (cat. no. 4172.0)

Provides a statistical overview of culture in Australia. Contains information on a range of topics including employment in culture, time spent on cultural activities, attendances at cultural venues and events, expenditure on culture, and imports and exports of cultural goods and services. Also provides profiles of the cultural sectors, grouped according to the Australian Culture and Leisure Industry Classification.

**Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2006** (cat. no. 4713.0)

Presents information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians based on information from the 2006 Census. A range of information available from the Census is covered in a general overview of the characteristics of Indigenous Australians. Topics covered include: the demographic and geographic distribution of the population and its growth in recent years; living arrangements; language, religion and disability; education and IT use; work; income; and housing and transport. Also includes information on how to interpret census data on Indigenous peoples.

**Information Paper: Arts and Cultural Heritage - An Information Development Plan, 2008** (First Issue) (cat. no. 4915.0.55.002)

Identifies the agreed priorities and action for information development in the area of Arts and Cultural Heritage. The paper also identifies gaps in available data and provides recommendations for addressing these data gaps. Recommendations will be implemented collaboratively by the ABS and other key producers of Arts and Cultural Heritage data over the next 3 to 5 years.

**Experimental Estimates of Imputed Rent, Australia, 2003-04 and 2005-06** (First Issue) (cat. no. 6525.0)

This Information Paper presents household level estimates of the imputed rent for owner-occupied dwellings derived from the 2003-04 and 2005-06 Surveys of Income and Housing and the 2003-04 Household Expenditure Survey.

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ABS News for Libraries, Feb 2008 (cat. no. 1003.0)  
Education News, May 2008 (cat. no. 1330.0)  
CensusAtSchool Newsletter, Apr 2008 (cat. no. 1332.0.55.001)  
Methodological News, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 1504.0)  
Census Update (Newsletter), Mar 2008 (cat. no. 2902.0)  
Migrant Statistics News, Apr 2008 (cat. no. 3413.0)  
Culture and Recreation News, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 4147.4.55.001)  
Ag Mag - The Agriculture Newsletter, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 7101.0)  
Service Industries Statistics Newsletter, Apr 2008 (cat. no. 8601.0)  
Tourism Newsletter, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 8602.0)

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Australian Economic Indicators, May 2008 (cat. no. 1350.0)  
Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 3401.0)  
Short-term Visitor Arrival Estimates, Australia, Apr 2008 (cat. no. 3401.0.55.001)  
Employment in Sport and Recreation, Australia, Aug 2006 (cat. no. 4148.0)  
Australian National Accounts: Financial Accounts, Dec 2007 (cat. no. 5232.0)  
International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 5368.0)  
Housing Finance, Australia, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 5609.0)  
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Australian Labour Market Statistics, Apr 2008 (cat. no. 6105.0)  
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Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, Sep 2007 (cat. no. 6220.0)  
Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, Feb 2008 (cat. no. 6302.0)  
Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia, Aug 2007 (cat. no. 6310.0)  
Job Vacancies: Feb, 2008 (cat. no. 6354.0)  
Forms of Employment, Australia, Nov 2007 (cat. no. 6359.0)  
Consumer Price Index: Australia, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 6401.0)  
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Livestock Products, Australia, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 7215.0)  
Retail Trade, Australia, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 8501.0)  
Sales of Australian Wine and Brandy by Winemakers, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 8504.0)  
Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Australia - Electronic Delivery, Dec 2007 (cat. no. 8635.0.55.002)  
Building Approvals, Australia, Mar 2008 (cat. no. 8731.0)  
Building Activity, Australia, Dec 2007 (cat. no. 8752.0)  
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## **SOCIAL RELEASES**

Australian Demographic Statistics, Sep 2007 (cat. no. 3101.0)

Apparent Consumption of Alcohol, Australia, 2006-07 (Reissue) (cat. no. 4307.0.55.001)

Corrective Services, Australia, Dec 2007 (cat. no. 4512.0)

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## **Selected Non-ABS Releases**



### **SELECTED NON-ABS RELEASES**

#### **NatStats Conference 2008**

The NatStats 08 Conference is being held from the 19th to the 21st November 2008 at the Crown Promenade in Melbourne. It presents an opportunity for a wide range of key players involved in the production and use of official data to come together to discuss how we might improve and extend our measures of progress in Australian society as well as more generally improve the statistical base for the nation.

This is a particularly important time in the evolution of our national statistical infrastructure as the many data custodians and producers of official statistical data seek to support the greater emphasis being placed by governments on both the importance of clearly defined outcomes for publicly funded initiatives and of establishing quantifiable measures to assess progress in achieving these outcomes.

The conference events are as follows:

- 19 November - Welcome reception 6.00pm, Tonic Room, Crown Promenade
- 20 November - Conference proceedings 8.45am -5.00pm
- 20 November - Gala dinner at the Melbourne Aquarium 7.00pm
- 21 November - Conference proceedings 9.00am to 4.45pm

#### **KEY DATES:**

- 21 June - Early Bird Registration opens
- 26 September - Early Bird Registration Deadline
- 3 October - Accommodation Booking Deadline
- 14 November - Registration Deadline
- 19-21 November - Conference

**For further information on Natstats 08 visit the conference website at**

[www.nss.gov.au/natstats](http://www.nss.gov.au/natstats)

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#### **OECD Factbook 2008**

The OECD Factbook provides a global overview of today's major economic, social and environmental indicators. The 2008 edition also includes increased data for key non-OECD

Member Countries, Brazil, Chile, China, Estonia, India, Israel, Russia, Slovenia and South Africa.

The OECD Factbook 2008 is now available online at <http://puck.sourceoecd.org/vl=619253/cl=20/nw=1/rpsv/factbook>.

New features in this edition include:

- **Extended coverage:** More countries than ever are now covered by the Factbook, enabling direct comparisons for many indicators between OECD Members and Brazil, China, India and South Africa.
- **Special chapter on Productivity:** This year's special focus is on productivity, how efficiently production inputs - such as labour and capital - are being used.
- **Enhanced, animated presentation of data:** Users can now interact with the data more intuitively. The dynamic software facilitates the identification of long term trends and comparisons between countries.

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